

consent of such children, as apprentices, during their minority; that is to say, males until the age of twenty-one years, and females until the age of eighteen years, to such persons and places, whether in or out of this State, and to learn such proper trades or employments, as in the judgment of the said managers will be most conducive to the reformation and the future benefit and advantage of such children; and the indentures by which such children shall be bound shall contain the covenants, and shall be recorded as prescribed by law; and all the provisions of the code in relation to white apprentices shall apply to apprentices bound under this section.

1870, ch. 392, sec. 18.

**347.** The manner of receiving inmates into the house of reformation shall be in either of the following modes, namely: first, colored minors may be committed by a justice of the peace for any of the counties, or the city of Baltimore, on complaint and due proof made to him by the parent, guardian or next friend of such minor, that by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct such minor has rendered his or her control beyond the power of such parent, guardian or next friend, and made it manifestly requisite, that from regard to the morals and future welfare of such minor, and the peace and order of society, he or she should be placed under the guardianship of the house of reformation; second, colored minors may be committed by the authority aforesaid, when complaint and due proof have been made that such minor is a proper subject for the guardianship of the house of reformation in consequence of vagrancy, or of incorrigible or vicious conduct, and that from the moral depravity, or otherwise, of the parent, guardian or next friend, in whose custody such minor may be, such parent, guardian or next friend is unable or unwilling to exercise the proper care and discipline over such incorrigible or vicious minor; third, such children as their parents, guardians or friends may desire to place therein for temporary restraint and discipline, and whose parents, guardians or friends shall agree and contract with the managers for their support and maintenance; and fourth, minors committed by the several courts in this State, as provided in sections 344 and 349.